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In re Application of: Examiner: D. Popovici YOSHINORI TAKAHASHI Group Art Unit: 2772 Application No.: NYA Division of S.N. 08/782,817 filed January 13, 1997 Filed: Concurrently Herewith For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM ) February 11, 2000

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, immediately after the title, insert

-- This application is a division of Application No.

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